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SANITARY LEGISLATION.

STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

WASHINGTON.

Communicable Diseases—Disinfection and Fumigation for (Regulations State Board of Health Adopted July 15, 1912).

SEC. III. 1. Disinfection and fumigation shall be carried out as specified under individual diseases, provided that for all cases of quarantinable diseases the premises shall be thoroughly disinfected before the persons are released from quarantine.

2. The State commissioner of health is hereby authorized to specify from time to time standard methods of disinfection and fumigation applicable to various purposes, and to specify standard bacteriological strengths of disinfecting agents required.

3. Whenever disinfection or fumigation is mentioned in these rules it is meant, unless otherwise specified, that the disinfection shall be done with formaldehyde gas, using at least 16 ounces of a 40 per cent solution, in a generator or by oxidation, for each 1,000 cubic feet of room space (or the equivalent, if used in another form); all windows, doors, or other openings must be closed and the cracks sealed with strips of paper pasted over them and left so for at least six hours after fumigation.

4. Special disinfection.

(a) Where it is known to either the school or health officials that a person has attended school while suffering with the following diseases—

(1) Any of the quarantinable diseases.

(2) Smallpox, infantile paralysis, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis or measles. the local health officer shall cause such schoolrooms to be thoroughly disinfected before being used again for school purposes. The same shall apply to private, parochial, and Sunday schools.

(b) Whenever a railroad coach or vessel has been removed from service because of being infected with a contagious or infectious disease, it shall not be allowed to return into public service until it has been thoroughly disinfected under supervision of the proper health officer.

(c) Whenever any premises used for dairy or food purposes have been infected with any contagious or infectious disease, and the sale of food and dairy products has been discontinued by the health officer, such premises shall be thoroughly disinfected before again being used for business purposes.

Health Officers of Cities—Duties of (Regulations State Board of Health Adopted July 15, 1912).

SEC. IV. *Cities other than the first class.*—1. All city health officers, except those in cities of the first class, are under statutory law (sec. 3, ch. 85, Laws 1907—"All city health officers, except those of cities of the first class * * * shall make weekly reports to the county health officer of all contagious or infectious diseases occurring

within the city"), subordinate to the county health officer in all matters pertaining to contagious or infectious diseases; therefore, all city health officers, except those of cities of the first class, shall report their contagious diseases to the county health officer in the form and manner designated.

2. In accordance with section 3, chapter 85, Laws 1907, which states: "All city health officers, except those of cities of the first class, shall report immediately to the State Board of Health every new outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease * * * occurring in the city," and for the purpose of better preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases into adjacent counties, all city health officers, except those of cities of the first class, shall report immediately in duplicate to their county health officers and to the State commissioner of health whenever cases of any contagious disease not previously present in that city occur in two or more families.

3. In accordance with section 3, chapter 85, Laws of 1907, after the first report to both the State commissioner of health and county health officer concerning a new outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease, all city health officers, except those of cities of the first class, shall thereafter report weekly all contagious and infectious diseases to the county health officer.

4. If no contagious or infectious diseases are present within their jurisdiction, all city health officers, except those of cities of the first class, shall make such report to the county health officer not less than once each month, on blanks furnished for that purpose by the State board of health.

5. Upon receipt of a report of any contagious or infectious disease from a physician or householder, or after discovering the existence of such disease by personal investigation, each local health officer shall make a permanent record of all such cases of contagious or infectious diseases, and not later than the fifth day of the month following all city health officers, except those of cities of the first class, shall forward to the county health officer the original or duplicate reports of all such cases reported to them for the previous month, together with a summary of the total number of contagious and infectious diseases on a special report blank furnished for that purpose by the State board of health.

6. The city health officers, except those of cities of the first class, when forwarding to the county health officer the individual case reports of all contagious and infectious diseases reported to them for the previous month, shall add to the data required to be furnished by the attending physician, as specified in section I "Contagious and infectious diseases," the following data:

- (1) Date of quarantine or placarding.
- (2) Date of release, if any.
- (3) Number of persons exposed: (a) immediately, (b) remotely.
- (4) Place of business or school attended.

SEC. V. *Counties and cities of the first class.* 1. Health officers of cities of the first class shall make the same reports and shall be governed by the same rules as county health officers, unless otherwise specified, and they shall communicate with the State commissioner of health direct concerning all sanitary matters in their jurisdiction.

2. According to an act of the legislature approved March 12, 1903, as subsequently amended by an act approved March 7, 1907, the county boards of health and county health officers, as executive officers of such boards, are given sanitary supervision over all portions of their respective counties, except cities of the first class; therefore, county health officers must require health officers of all cities other than those of the first class to report all contagious and infectious diseases to them, according to the procedure laid down in other sections of these rules; they shall supervise the measures taken to suppress and control all such diseases; they shall see that all the rules of the State board of health are strictly and impartially enforced, and they shall report to the State board of health on any other sanitary conditions as the State board of health may from time to time require.

3. County health officers must promptly notify both the secretaries of the county boards of health (county auditor) and the State commissioner of health of any changes that may occur in the personnel of their deputies, subregistrars, or employees.

4. Monthly reports of all contagious and infectious diseases must be made by the county health officer to the State commissioner of health not later than the 10th day of each month following. If no infectious or contagious diseases have occurred within the jurisdiction of the county health officer, he must make such report to the State commissioner of health.

5. The county health officer shall make his report to the State board of health on blanks furnished for that purpose by the State commissioner of health.

6. The State commissioner of health may from time to time as need arises require that all county health officers forward with their monthly report either the original reports or duplicate copies of the reports of the individual cases of any specified diseases reported to them by physicians or city health officers.

7. Upon learning of the existence of any cases of Asiatic cholera, leprosy, plague, typhus fever, or yellow fever, all county health officers shall investigate and immediately report to the State commissioner of health the existence of such disease.

8. Immediately upon learning of the existence of anterior poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis), chicken pox in adults, diphtheria, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, scarlet fever, smallpox, typhoid fever or para typhoid fever within their jurisdiction, when any such cases have been absent from the county for a period exceeding one month previous to such report, all county health officers shall carefully investigate such cases and after such investigation shall send a report to the State commissioner of health, stating fully the probable source of infection, the probable number of persons exposed from this or previously unknown or unreported cases, the probable danger of immediate further spread of the disease, and what measures have been taken for its control and suppression, and thereafter they shall make reports on the progress of such outbreaks at such intervals as directed by the State commissioner of health.

9. According to the statute entitled "County boards of health," all county health officers are given supervisory powers over all health officers within their jurisdiction, except those of cities of the first class. Therefore, in case of dispute or difference of opinion arising between a physician and a city health officer, or between a health officer of a city other than the first class and the county health officer, as to whether or not any person is afflicted or sick with a disease requiring quarantine or isolation, the diagnosis of the city health officer, or, if the case is appealed to the county health officer, the diagnosis of the county health officer in turn, shall prevail regarding such case until a decision is demanded from the State board of health, and the State commissioner of health investigates the circumstances of the case, when, in accordance with section 5, chapter 85, laws of 1907, his decision shall be final.

ARIZONA.

Appropriation—Salaries and Expenses, State Board of Health, for the Year Ending June 30, 1913 (an act approved June 19, 1912).

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund the sum of \$1,000 to pay the salary of the secretary¹ of the State board of health for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1912, and ending June 30, 1913.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund the sum of \$1,000 to pay the salary of the registrar¹ of vital statistics for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1912, and ending June 30, 1913.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund the sum of \$2,500, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the purchase of official books, records, files, office sup-

¹ The secretary of the State board of health is also the registrar of vital statistics.